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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 22 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998) and 1199 (1998)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Briefing by the Secretariat

The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	42nd PLENARY MEETING	*Conference Room 3*

1. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/357) [7].
2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States [27]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/434);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.11).
3. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States [21]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/272 and Add.1);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.10/Rev.1).

4. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/420) [25].

5. Report of the Security Council (A/53/2) [11].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 4

Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee [80]

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 4

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [82] (A/53/20, A/53/265)

WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

Morning*-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

* Following the adjournment of the 10th meeting of the Fourth Committee.

SECOND COMMITTEE

9.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 2

Video-conference Geneva-New York

[Joint session of the Second Committee and the high-level segment of the Trade and Development Board of UNCTAD on the topic "The Impact of Financial Crisis on Trade, Investment and Development: Regional Perspectives." The joint session will be co-chaired by H.E. Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand and Chairman of the high-level segment of the Trade and Development Board, and H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi, Ambassador (Islamic Republic of Iran) and Chairman of the Second Committee.

The panellists (on the Geneva side) are the Executive Secretaries of the United Nations Regional Commissions for Europe (ECE), Mr. Yves Berthelot, for Western Asia (ESCWA), Mr. Hazem El-Beblawi, for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, and Mr. Ali Gader Ali, Director, Economic and Social Policy Division (ECA), Mr. André van Heemstra, Vice-President, Asia and the Pacific, Unilever; (on the New York side) Ms. Joyce Cornell, Managing Director, Scudder Kemper Investments, Inc., and Mr. Robert D. Hormats, Vice-Chairman, Goldman Sachs International.]

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 2

Environment and sustainable development [94] (A/53/487, A/53/156-S/1998/78, A/53/25, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/96, A/53/165-S/1998/601, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/416, A/53/425)

(b) Protection of the global climate for present and future generations of mankind (A/53/449)

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/53/65-E/1998/5, A/53/358)

(d) Convention on Biological Diversity (A/53/451)

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (A/53/516)

Introductory statements and general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106] (A/53/41, A/53/57, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/281, A/53/311, A/53/482)

Continuation of general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106] (A/53/41, A/53/57, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/281, A/53/311, A/53/482)

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. Advancement of women [103]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.10, L.11, L.12 and L.13

3. Crime prevention and criminal justice [101]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.8 and L.9

4. International drug control [102]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.7

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 113 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development Account (A/52/1009 and A/53/7/Add.1))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Programme planning (A/53/6 (Prog.1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13/Rev.1, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), 24 and Corr.1, 26, 27 and 28), A/53/16, A/53/90, A/53/122 and Add.1, A/53/133 and Corr.1 (Spanish only) and A/53/134))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	11th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	12th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Establishment of an international criminal court [153] (A/53/387, A/53/189)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic (MINURCA)

WORKING GROUP ON THE FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 22 October 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 37: World Summit for Social Development)

9.30 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 93 (c) : special session on Habitat)

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 104: Implementation of the Outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 93 (d): Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international cooperation for development through partnership; and item 91: Macroeconomic policy questions: globalization)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

5.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Meeting of co-sponsors

A meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures, organized by the delegation of Germany, will be held *today*, 22 October 1998, from 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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A meeting of all interested delegations and potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Illicit Traffic in Small Arms", organized by the delegation of South Africa, will be held *today*, 22 October 1998, from 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

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A meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution zentitled "Transparency in Armaments", organized by the delegation of the Netherlands, will be held *today*, 22 October 1998, at 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Informal meetings

There will be an informal meeting, organized by the delegation of Canada, on the draft resolution on the prohibition of the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices, *today*, 22 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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There will be an informal meeting, organized by the delegation of Ireland, on a draft resolution entitled "Towards a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World: The Need for a New Agenda" *today*, 22 October 1998, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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There will be an informal meeting, organized by the delegation of Canada, on the First Committee draft resolution on nuclear testing *today*, 22 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Informal briefing

There will be an informal meeting and exchange of views, organized by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), on the theme "The New Architecture for an International Monetary System - the IMF Perspective", *today*, 22 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. J. B. Zulu, IMF Special Representative to the United Nations and Director of the New York IMF Office, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on the "Administration and Cost of Elections", sponsored by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (Sweden) and the International Foundation for Election Systems (United States), *today*, 22 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The panellists will be Mr. Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Elections (Canada), Mr. José Woldenberg Karakowsky, President of the Federal Electoral Institute (Mexico), and a representative of USAID. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on agenda item 37 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development) *today*, 22 October 1998, from 4.15 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of police contributors to the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (International Police Task Force) *today*, 22 October 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Michel Pelletier, Director, Europe and Latin America Division, Department of Peacekeeping Operations. Mr. Mark Kroeker, IPTF Deputy Commissioner, will give a briefing on developments in Bosnia and Herzegovina and on the increasing demand for professional competence when selecting police officers for service with the International Police Task Force.

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Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone (UNOMSIL) will be held *today*, 22 October 1998, at 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 23 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9 a.m.	3rd meeting	*Conference Room 4*

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-third regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items [8]:

(a) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/53/232);

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran (A/53/233).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 2
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 24th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 12th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussions

A panel discussion on "How to Achieve a Better Coherence and Improved Coordination among Environmental and Environment Related Conventions" will be held on Friday, 23 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The panellists will be Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, Mr. Michael Zammit-Cutajar, Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Mr. Sam Johnston, Legal Affairs Officer (Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity), and Mr. Jorge Illueca, Director of the Division of Coordination on Environmental Convention (United Nations Environment Programme). All interested delegations are invited to attend.

A panel discussion on "Adjusting the Role of Governments to Globalization" will be held on Tuesday, 27 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The panellists will be Mr. Shabbir G. Cheema, Director, Management Development and Governance Division, UNDP, and Ms. Cheryl Gray, Manager of Public Sector Management Unit, World Bank. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Briefing

There will be an informal presentation by Professor Johannes A. van Ginkel, Rector of the United Nations University, on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

Briefing

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management will also hold a special briefing for interested delegations on the report of the Secretary-General on human resources management reform (A/53/414) on Friday, 23 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Following the adjournment of the special briefing, the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management will apprise members of the Group of 77 and China on the current status of activities for the reform of human resources management.

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The Committee on Information will resume its twentieth session on Tuesday, 27 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Trusteeship Council Chamber. Following the formal opening of the meeting and introduction of the report of the Secretary-General on the development of United Nations international radio broadcasting capacity (A/AC.198/1998/4)*, the Committee will begin informal consultations on this report.

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The 1998 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Tuesday, 3 November 1998, at 3 p.m., to be followed by the segment devoted to the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme.

The second segment devoted to the 1998 Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Wednesday, 4 November, at 10 a.m. and on Thursday, 5 November, at 10 a.m.

It would be appreciated if delegations that have not already submitted the names of their representatives to both Pledging Conferences could do so to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre de Barros (room S-2950-G, tel.: 963-2320).

The list of speakers for both pledging conferences will be open beginning Monday, 26 October, until Monday, 2 November.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(on item 94 (e) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa)* on Friday, 23 October 1998 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

There will be meetings of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(on item 108 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination)* on Monday, 26 October 1998, at 1.45 p.m. Conference Room 9.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting, organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, of Parliamentarians attending the fifty-third session of the General Assembly on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Miguel Angel Martínez, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Council. All Parliamentarians are invited to attend.

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Meetings of co-sponsors

A meeting of potential co-sponsors and interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency", organized by the delegation of Slovenia, will be held on Friday, 23 October 1998, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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A meeting of co-sponsors and interested delegations on the draft resolution submitted under agenda item 42 (Assistance in mine clearance), organized by the delegation of Austria, will be held on Friday, 23 October 1998, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Informal briefing

There will be a briefing by Mr. Alan Simcock of the British Government's Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions, on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6, on the Second London Oceans Workshop, which is being sponsored jointly by the united Kingdom and Brazil in December 1998, to assist the preparations for the 1999 session of the Commission on Sustainable Development. The briefing will be followed by a question-and-answer period. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Symposium

A symposium on "De-alerting of Nuclear Weapons", organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, will be held on Monday, 26 October 1998, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions and representatives of interested organizations are invited to attend.

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Seminars

The first seminar of the economic governance seminar series on the theme "Towards a More Differentiated Perspective on Industrial Policy", organized by the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration (DPEPA) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will take place on Wednesday, 28 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room A. Prof. Richard Nelson, Columbia University, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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A seminar on the theme "The Impact of Reductions in Working Hours on Employment", sponsored by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will take place on Friday, 30 October 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. Professor Dr. Gerhard Bosch of the Institut Arbeit und Technik, Germany, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 4 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m; Thursday, 5 November from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 6 November from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 30 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 21 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

40th plenary meeting

Report of the Security Council (A/53/2) [11]

The representative of the United Kingdom, in his capacity as President of the Security Council, made a statement in the course of which he introduced the report of the Security Council (A/53/2).

Statements were made by the representatives of Germany, Malaysia, New Zealand, Colombia, Ukraine, Mexico, Norway, Myanmar, Nigeria, Egypt, Brazil, Costa Rica, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and China.

Programme of work

The President informed delegates that H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer, Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations, would coordinate the informal consultations on the draft resolutions to be submitted under agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordinations of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance). The President further informed delegates that the first meeting of the informal consultations would be held on Wednesday, 28 October, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Announcement

The President informed the General Assembly that the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme would be held on Tuesday, 3 November, in the afternoon.

The President also informed the Assembly that the 1998 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities would be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 4 and 5 November, in the morning of both days.

The President also informed the Assembly that the announcement of voluntary contributions of the 1999 programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees would take place on Friday, 13 November, in the morning.

The President further informed the Assembly that the announcement of voluntary contributions to the 1999 programmes of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East would take place on Thursday, 3 December, in the morning.

41st plenary meeting

Report of the Security Council (A/53/2) [11]

Statements were made by the representatives of India, the Philippines, Australia, Canada, Japan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Senegal, Italy, Portugal, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Chile, Sweden and Peru.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that the two Fifth Committee reports originally scheduled for the following day would be taken up on Monday, 26 October 1998, in the morning.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 12th meeting

Conclusion of general debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of the Sudan, Zambia, Nepal, the Syrian Arab Republic, Georgia and Cyprus.

In the exercise of the right of reply, statements were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Israel, Turkey, the Republic of Korea, the Syrian Arab Republic and Cyprus.

SECOND COMMITTEE 19th meeting

Operational activities for development [95]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.9

The Committee resumed its consideration of agenda item 95.

The representative of Sweden introduced the draft resolution.

Environment and sustainable development [94]

(a) Implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, including the outcome of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

Introductory statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, the Director of the Secretariat of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction and the Director of the Regional Office for North America of the United Nations Environment Programme.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia and the associated countries, Cyprus and Norway, which aligned themselves with this statement), Brazil (also on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay), the United States, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, China, Cuba, Panama (also on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Panama, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela and Guyana), Belarus, Canada, Nigeria, Cyprus, Norway, Israel and the Republic of Moldova.

20th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 94 (a) and heard statements by the representatives of Tunisia, Iraq, Ecuador, San Marino, Nepal, Kenya, Japan, Micronesia, Mongolia and Peru.

The representative of the World Food Programme also made a statement.

The representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on agenda item 94 (a).

Organization of work

The Committee agreed to reschedule its consideration of agenda item 96 (b) to the afternoon of 4 November and of agenda item 12 to 10 November.

THIRD COMMITTEE 19th meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Uruguay, Ukraine, China, Pakistan, Fiji, Kuwait, Egypt, Lebanon, Mexico, Brazil, Cuba, Sri Lanka, Argentina, Canada, Turkmenistan, Trinidad and Tobago, Iraq, Peru, Kenya and Uganda.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the International Labour Organization and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

20th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 106 and heard statements by the representatives of the United Arab Emirates, Brunei Darussalam, Senegal, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Algeria, the Sudan, Iceland, New Zealand, Zimbabwe, Romania, Mongolia, Viet Nam, Mozambique, Guatemala (also on behalf of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama and the Dominican Republic), Côte d'Ivoire, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Niger, Thailand, Eritrea and the Russian Federation.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS.

The representatives of Israel and Lebanon made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 11th meeting

Pattern of conferences [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee (A/53/507).

SIXTH COMMITTEE 9th and 10th meetings

Establishment of an international criminal court [153]

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Cyprus and Iceland), Italy, South Africa (on behalf of SADC), Malawi, Spain, Bangladesh, Côte d'Ivoire, Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of CARICOM), the United States, Samoa (on behalf of the South Pacific Forum), Malaysia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Panama (on behalf of the Group of Rio), Senegal, Kenya, Japan, New Zealand, Greece, Norway, Croatia and the Republic of Korea, as well as by the observer of Switzerland.

The Chairman also spoke.

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Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
United Nations Office at Geneva
Sixty-fourth session

WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 1998

1704th and 1705th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the third periodic report of Iceland (CCPR/C/94/Add.2).

In accordance with the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Disarmament Week

The Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information and the NGO Committee on Disarmament (New York), will hold a series of panel discussions to take place during the Disarmament Week of 1998, beginning *today*, 22 October, and from 26 to 29 October 1998. *Today,* the first panel on the theme "Global Action to Prevent War" will be held at 10.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

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Staff Council

There will be meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 22 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Special events

A United Nations Day concert of classical music will be held on Friday, 23 October 1998, at 4 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall. Philharmonie der Nationen, with Justus Frantz conducting, will perform works by Beethoven and Rimsky-Korsakov. H.E. Dr. Didier Opertti Badán, President of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly, Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, and H.E. Dr. Dieter Kastrup, Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations, will make statements. The concert is co-sponsored by the Government of Germany and the Department of Public Information (DPI). Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media will be admitted on presentation of a valid grounds pass.

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A special event will take place on Thursday, 29 October 1998, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, to launch the volume "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Fifty Years and Beyond" published by Baywood Publishing Company, for and on behalf of the United Nations.

The event is co-sponsored by Argentina, Canada, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, the Dominican Republic, the Philippines, Samoa, South Africa and Sweden, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Department of Public Information, as well as several non-governmental organizations.

The event will include statements of the Secretary-General, the High Commissioner for Human Rights and other contributors to the book. Ambassador William J. Vanden Heuvel, Chairman, United States Coordinating Committee for UDHR50, will be the guest speaker. All delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Information Fair

The Annual Inter-Agency Information Fair, organized by the Department of Public Information, is being held in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Friday, 23 October 1998. The event brings together nearly 30 specialized agencies, programmes and departments of the United Nations system, each with representatives on hand to answer questions and distribute brochures, posters and other information materials.

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New United Nations stamps and souvenir card

On Tuesday, 27 October 1998, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps on the theme "Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights". The denominations of the new stamps will be 32 cents, 55 cents, F.s. 0,90, F.s. 1,80, S 4.50 and S 7. A souvenir card will also be issued on the same theme. The new stamps, souvenir card, first day covers and hand cancellations can be obtained by members of delegations and staff at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby on 27 October from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Details about the new stamps and souvenir card are available in Information Circular ST/IC/1998/63.

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